GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RIVER VALLEY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of river valley projects, both multi-purpose and irrigation have spilled over from plan to plan due to financial constraints faced by the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government for expeditious completion of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As on 1.4.2004, there are 169 major and 219 medium on-going multipurpose/irrigation projects which have spilled over from plan to plan due to various constraints including paucity of funds.

Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, funded and executed by the State Governments out of their own resources as per their priorities. Keeping in view, the fund constraints faced by the State Governments for completion of irrigation projects, Central Government during 1996-97, launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to such on-going approved major/medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion or beyond the resources capability of the States. Under the programme CLA/grant of Rs. 17,120.820 crore has been provided upto March, 2005 for completion of major and medium irrigation projects.